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OF THE

### SPECIAL CONVENTION

OF THE

# PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

HELD IN ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA.

On Thursday, September 5, 1844.

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OF THE

# CLERGY AND LAY DEPUTIES

WHO COMPOSED THE SPECIAL CONVENTION.

SEPTEMBER 5, 1844.

#### CLERGY.

\*Rt. Rev. H. U. Onderdonk,
D. D.
Rev. Joseph Adderly,

" \*William Adderly,

" \*Charles H. Alden,

" \*William W. Arnett,

" Frederick W. Beasley,

" James Bonnar,

" William H. Bourns,

" Samuel Bowman, D.D.

" George Boyd, D.D.

" Charles Breck,

" Edward Y. Buchanan,

" Levi Bull, D.D.

" Robert B. Claxton,

" John B. Clemson,

" John Coleman, D.D.

" Asa S. Colton,

" Thomas Crumpton,

" Marcus K. Cushman,

" Robert Davis,

" William N. Diehl,

"Benjamin Dorr, D.D.

\*Jacob M. Douglass,

Rev. George C. Drake,

" Henry W. Ducachet, D.D.

" \*Heman Dyer,

" Richard D. Hall,

" Henry T. Hiester,

" William Hilton,

" Benj. S. Huntington,

" John J. Kerr,

" George Kirke,

" Freeman Lane,

" Milton C. Lightner,

" Samuel T. Lord,

" \*John J. McElhinny,

" John H. Marsden,

" John G. Maxwell,

" Samuel R. Meade,

" Tobias H. Michell, M.D.

" George Mintzer,

" Richard U. Morgan,

" Jacob B. Morss,

" Henry J. Morton, D.D.

" George W. Natt,

" Edmund Neville,

" Richard Newton,

Rev. William H. Norris,

" William H. Odenheimer,

" Frederick Ogilby,

" Willie Peck,

" William S. Perkins,

" \*John B. Pradt,

" William Preston,

" Thomas H. Quinan,

" Greenbury W. Ridgley,

" John Rodney, Jr.

" Joshua M. Rogers,

" Owen E. Shannon,

" George Sheets,

" Richard Smith,

Rev. William W. Spear,

" Nathan Stem,

" William Suddards,

" Mortimer R. Talbot,

" Henry Tullidge,

" Stephen H. Tyng, D.D.

" George Upfold, D.D.

" Peter Van Pelt,

Joshua Weaver,

" William White,

" \*Bird Wilson, D.D.

" Christian Wiltberger, Jr.

" Enos Woodward.

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### LAY DEPUTIES.

James M. Aertsen, Thomas Allibone, Hamilton Alricks, Lewis R. Ashurst, \*J. L. Atlee, Peter Baldy, Charles N. Bancker, Horace Binney, H. L. Bollman, James L. Bowman, Thomas K. Bull, \*Isaac B. Burrows, Samuel Breck, \*Thomas Briggs, Hill Brinton, Giles Broadbent, Clement Brooke, Garret Brown, Alexander Brown,

F. D. Baker, Lewis Brinton, Daniel B. Canfield, John G. Campbell, Redmond Conyngham, \*J. Yeates Conyngham, Herman Cope, George M. Cumming, Thomas M. Charlton, John W. Claghorn, Charles H. Clay, W. P. Cresson, Edward Davies, Joseph G. Davis, Samuel Davis, James R. Dick, \*W. Wilson Dick, Jacob P. Donaldson, Robley Dunglison,

Lambert Duy, Charles Dering, \*George Elliott, \*Wm. Cox Ellis, Michael Errickson, Edward Evans, John Farr, Amzi Fuller, John Flack, Edmund H. Frishmuth, Eleazer Fenton, J. D. George, Charles F. Gebler, John L. Goddard, \*David F. Gordon, Joseph Gest, Robert Graffen, Enoch Gray, Alphaeus Green, Edmund Green, William R. Griffith, Edward J. Glenn. Frederick Grosscup, Alfred Gilmore. Jeremiah Gunn, Elias W. Hale, \*R. C. Hale, Asa Hammond, Charles Harrison, George Harrison, Henry Hay, Isaac Hazlehurst, \*Samuel Heilner. Hopewell Hepburn, Charles M. Hill, William S. Hill,

\*Thomas M. Howe, Francis Hoskins, \*William K. Huffnagle, James Y. Humphreys, Benjamin W. Hyatt, \*G. W. Hamersly, Thomas G. Henderson, Amos S. Henderson, Charles W. Hegins, Joseph R. Ingersoll, \*Thomas Irwin, Phineas Jenks, Thomas B. Jacobs, Benjamin Jackson, John G. Johnson, Samuel Jones, James Johnson, Jonathan Jones, Edward D. Kittoe, William Kirkham, William H. Klapp, John C. Knowles, \*David King, \*R. P. Lane, Lawrence S. Lardner, Richard P. Lardner, David Lewis, David D. Lewis, M. D. Lewis, Joel Lightner, \*Peter E. Lightner, John S. Littell, \*E. E. Locke, \*James Lowrey, N. F. Lightner, John McKinley,

\*John McFarland, John McKay, \*Thomas McSorley, Matthew McPaul, Charles D. Manley, William Martin, Addison May, James Mellon, \*Joseph Miller, Anthony Miskey, James Moore, \*Caspar Morris, David Morgan, John S. Morris, Joseph Neide, James S. Newbold, \*R. C. Nichols, \*Edward Nickleson, Isaac Norton. Asa Packer, \*William Paff, \*Stephen Payran, Jr., Benjamin Parke, John B. Parker, \*Edw. Owen Parry, John C. Pechin, Henry Pettibone, Thomas H. Powers, Joseph Potts, William B. Potts, \*John H. Purdy, George W. Pearce, Robert Ralston, Henry Reed, Osmon Reed, Edmund Richardson,

John S. Richards, Joseph S. Riley, F. B. Robeson, Charles Robinson, Thomas Robinson, John Rosencrantz, Clement S. Rutter, John P. Rutter, H. A. Shackelford. \*William H. Sayre, Samuel Shafer, \*James R. Shannon, \*Caspar W. Sharpless, H. M. Sheaff, Davis Smith, James S. Smith, Levi B. Smith, Milton Smith, Richard S. Smith, Joshua B. Smyth, William Stavely, Cornelius Stevenson, Joseph L. Stichter, Wyndham H. Stokes, Ebenezer W. Sturdevant, Amariah Stricklan, George M. Stroud, Samuel Swift, Ephraim Saylor, Robert Toland, George F. Thomas, Dr. Samuel Thomas, William Trainer, Samuel Wagner, Frederick Watts, \*B. F. Weaver,

P. S. Weaver,

\*Joseph Weightman,
William Welsh,
Reese Welsh,
Francis West,
Andrew Wills,
Thomas C. Williams,
Peter Williamson,
John R. Wilmer,

Thomas Wilson,
Horace E. Wolff,
Geo. M. Wharton,
\*Geo. R. White,
\*John Wright,
\*Ambrose Wheeler,
Mahlon Yardley,
John K. Zeilim.

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Note.—Those whose names are marked thus \* were not present at the Convention.

#### ROLL OF CHURCHES AND THEIR DEPUTIES.

Alleghany county, Pittsburgh, Trinity church. H. A. Shackelford, Thomas M. Howe, Geo. R. White.

Alleghany county, Pittsburg, St. Andrew's church. H. L. Bollman, Thomas Irwin.

Alleghany county, Alleghany, Christ church. Jos. G. Davis. Armstrong county, Freeport, Trinity church. B. F. Weaver, P. S. Weaver.

Berks county, Reading, Christ church. David F. Gordon, Jno. S. Richards, Joseph L. Stichter.

Berks county, Morgantown, St. Thomas' church. Levi B. Smith, Davis Smith, David Morgan.

Bucks county, St. James the Greater's church. James Johnson, Eleazer Fenton.

Bucks county, Newtown, St. Luke's church. Phineas Jenks, Garret Brown.

Bucks county, Yardleyville, St. Andrew's church. Edward Nickleson, Wm. Paff, Mahlon Yardley.

Bucks county, Hulmeville, Grace church. George Harrison, Samuel Swift.

Bucks county, Centreville, Trinity church. William Stavely, Stephen Payran, Jr., Wm. K. Huffnagle.

Butler county, Butler, St. Peter's church. Alfred Gilmore. Carbon county, Mauch Chunk, St. Mark's church. Asa Packer, Wm. H. Sayre.

Centre county, Bellefonte, St. John's church. Daniel B. Canfield.

Chester county, New London township, St. John's church. Fred. Grosscup, John Wright, Thos. M. Charlton.

Chester county, Warwick township, St. Mary's church. Thomas K. Bull, Samuel Shafer, Clement Brooke.

Chester county, Great Valley, St. Peter's church. Thomas Wilson.

Chester county, Pequea, St. John's church. Thomas G. Henderson, T. D. Baker, Amos S. Henderson.

Chester county, West Whiteland township, St. Paul's church. Jonathan Jones, Ephraim Saylor, David King.

Chester county, West Vincent, St. Andrew's church. Amariah Stricklan.

Chester county, Honeybrook, St. Mark's church. Reese Welsh, Samuel Jones.

Chester county, West Chester, Church of the Holy Trinity. George W. Pearce, Lewis Brinton.

Chester county, Phænixville, St. Peter's church. John S. Morris, James Mellon.

Chester county, Downingtown, St. James' church. Andrew Willes, John McKinley, Benjamin W. Hyatt.

Columbia county, Danville, Christ church. Peter Baldy. Crawford county, Meadville, Christ church. James R. Dick, John McFarland, W. Wilson Dick.

Cumberland county, Carlisle, St. John's church. Fred. Watts, John Brown Parker.

Dauphin county, Harrisburg, St. Stephen's church. Wm. R. Griffith, Benj. Parke, Hamilton Alricks.

Delaware county, Chester, St. Paul's church. John K. Zeilin, John G. Johnson, Charles D. Manley.

Delaware county, Lower Chichester township, Marcus

Hook, St. Martin's church. Thomas Robinson, Wm. Trainer, Enoch Gray.

Delaware county, Concord township, St. John's church. Caspar W. Sharpless, Hill Brinton, Joseph Gest.

Delaware county, Newtown township, Radnor, St. David's church. Isaac Norton.

Delaware county, Rockdale, Calvary church. Richard S. Smith, Joseph Miller, Giles Broadbent.

Fayette county, Brownsville, Christ church. James L. Bowman.

Lancaster county, Lancaster, St. James' church. J. L. Atlee, N. F. Lightner, G. W. Hamersly.

Lancaster county, Leacock, Christ church. Thomas Mc-Sorley, Peter E. Lightner, Joel Lightner.

Lancaster county, Caernarvon township, Churchtown, Bangor church. Edward Davies, Thomas B. Jacobs, Charles Robinson.

Lancaster county, Paradise, All Saints church. Redmond Conyngham, Isaac B. Burrows, J. Yeates Conyngham.

Luzerne county, Wilkesbarre, St. Stephen's church. Amzi Fuller, Ebenezer W. Sturdevant, Henry Pettebone.

Lycoming county, Muncy, St. James' church. John Flack, Wm. Cox Ellis, Edward D. Kittoe.

Mifflin county, Lewistown, St. Mark's church. R. C. Hale, E. E. Locke, Elias W. Hale.

Montgomery county, Whitemarsh township, St. Thomas' church. H. M. Sheaff, F. B. Robeson.

Montgomery county, Perkiomen township, St. James' church. Edward Evans.

Montgomery county, Norristown, St. John's church. R. C. Nichols, John McKay, Addison May.

Montgomery county, Pottstown, Christ church. John P. Rutter, Charles H. Clay, Joseph Neidé.

Northampton county, Easton, Trinity church. Hopewell Hepburn, Horace E. Wolf.

Northumberland county, Sunbury, St. Matthew's church. John H. Purdy, Charles Dering, Charles W. Hegins.

Philadelphia county, Philadelphia, Christ church. Horace Binney, James Y. Humphreys, Francis West.

Philadelphia county, Philadelphia, St. Peter's church. James S. Smith, Joseph R. Ingersoll, Henry Reed.

Philadelphia county, Philadelphia, St. James' church. G. M. Wharton, Robert Ralston, Robert Toland.

Philadelphia county, Philadelphia, St. Paul's church. John Farr, J. D. George, Joseph Potts.

Philadelphia county, Philadelphia, St. Stephen's church. Charles N. Bancker, Wm. Kirkham, Robley Dunglison.

Philadelphia county, Philadelphia, St. Andrew's church. Cornelius Stevenson, Lambert Duy, Samuel Davis.

Philadelphia county, Philadelphia, Grace church. Herman Cope, John W. Claghorn, Francis Hoskins.

Philadelphia county, Philadelphia, Church of the Ascension. Wm. Martin, James S. Newbold, Michael Errickson.

Philadelphia county, Philadelphia, Church of the Epiphany. Lewis R. Ashurst, Caspar Morris, Isaac Hazlehurst.

Philadelphia county, Northern Liberties, St. John's church. Osmon Reed, Charles F. Gebler, Henry Hay.

Philadelphia county, Northern Liberties, Advent church. Joseph S. Riley, Edward H. Frishmuth, Anthony Miskey.

Philadelphia county, Southwark, Church of the Evangelists. Robert Graffen, Edmund Richardson, James M. Aertsen.

Philadelphia county, Moyamensing, All Saints' church. James Moore, John R. Wilmer, John L. Goddard.

Philadelphia county, Southwark, Trinity church. Peter Williamson, Clement S. Rutter, Wm. H. Klapp.

Philadelphia county, Francisville, St. Matthew's church. Thomas Briggs, George Elliott, George M. Stroud.

Philadelphia county, Lower Dublin township, All Saints' church. Lawrence S. Lardner, Charles Harrison.

Philadelphia county, Oxford township, Trinity church. Edmund Greene, Richard P. Lardner.

Philadelphia county, Holmesburg, Emanuel church. Alexander Brown, Joshua B. Smyth, Edward J. Glenn.

Philadelphia county, Germantown, St. Luke's church. John

S. Littell, Wyndham H. Stokes, Benjamin Jackson.

Philadelphia county, Kensington, Emanuel church. Jacob

P. Donaldson, Matthew McPaul, Alpheus Green.

Philadelphia county, West Philadelphia, St. Mary's church. Thomas Allibone, Milton Smith.

Philadelphia county, Manayunk, St. David's church. John Rosencrantz, Samuel Wagner, John C. Pechin.

Philadelphia county, Spring Garden, St. Philip's church. David Lewis, Thomas H. Powers, W. P. Cresson.

Philadelphia county, Kingsessing, St. James' church. Dr. Samuel Thomas, George G. Thomas, John C. Knowles.

Schuylkill county, Pottsville, Trinity church. Edward Owen Parry, Thomas C. Williams, George M. Cumming.

Schuylkill county, Schuylkill Haven, St. James' church. Wm. B. Potts, Wm. S. Hill, David D. Lewis.

Schuylkill county, Schuylkill Haven, St. Paul's church. Samuel Heilner, Joseph Weightman, Christian M. Hill.

Susquehanna county, New Milford, St. Mark's church, Asa Hammond.

Tioga county, Wellsborough, St. Paul's church. James Lowrey.

Washington county, Washington, Trinity church. James R. Shannon, R. P. Lane.

Wayne county, Honesdale, Dyberry parish, Grace church, and Truth church, Bethany. Jeremiah Gunn, Ambrose Wheeler.

York county, St. John the Baptist's church. John G. Campbell.

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PHILADELPHIA, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH. Thursday, September 5th, 1844, 6 o'clock, P. M.

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Special Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, several Clergymen and Lay Deputies attended at St. Andrew's Church.

The Secretary being present called the Convention to order, and proceeded to call over the list of the clergy entitled to seats, which had been furnished to him this day by the Bishop. The following answered to their names and took their seats. viz:

#### Rev. Jos. Adderly,

- " Frederick W. Beasley,
- " James Bonnar,
- " Wm. H. Bourns,
- " Saml. Bowman, D.D.
- " George Boyd, D.D.
- " Charles Breck,
- " Edw. Y. Buchanan,
- " Levi Bull, D.D.
- " Robt. B. Claxton,
- " John B. Clemson,
- " John Coleman, D.D.
- " Asa S. Colton,
- " Thos. Crumpton,
- " Marcus K. Cushman,
- " Robert Davis,
- " Wm. N. Diehl,
- " Benj. Dorr, D.D.
- " Geo. C. Drake,

## Rev. H. W. Ducachet, D.D.

- " Richard D. Hall,
- " Henry T. Hiester,
- " Wm. Hilton,
- " John J. Kerr,
- " Freeman Lane,
- " Samuel T. Lord,
- " John H. Marsden,
- " John G. Maxwell,
- " Tobias H. Michell, M. D.
- " Geo. Mintzer,
- " Richard U. Morgan,
- " Jacob B. Morss,
- " Henry J. Morton, D.D.
- " Geo. W. Natt,
- " Edmund Neville,
- " Richard Newton,
- " Wm. H. Norris,
- " Wm. H. Odenheimer,

Rev. Frederick Ogilby,

- " Willie Peck,
- " Wm. S. Perkins,
- " Wm. Preston,
- " Thos. H. Quinan,
- " Greenbury W. Ridgley,
- " John Rodney, Jr.
- " Joshua M. Rogers,
- " Geo. Sheets,
- " Richard Smith,
- " Nathan Stem,

Rev. Wm. Suddards,

- " Mortimer R. Talbot,
- " Henry Tullidge,
- " Stephen H. Tyng, D.D.
- " Geo. Upfold, D.D.
- " Peter Van Pelt,
- " Joshua Weaver,
- " Wm. White,
- " Christian Wiltberger, Jr.
- " Enos Woodward.

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The Secretary then received the testimonials from those attending as Lay Deputies, and recorded the names of such as presented testimonials in the form prescribed by the Canon. Upon calling their names the following gentlemen answered and took their seats, viz:

Jas. M. Aertsen, Thos. Allibone, Lewis R. Ashurst, Peter Baldy, Chas. N. Bancker, Horace Binney, H. L. Bollman, James L. Bowman, Thos. K. Bull, Samuel Breck, Hill Brinton, Clement Brooke, Alexander Brown, Daniel B. Canfield, John G. Campbell, Redmond Conyngham, Herman Cope, Geo. M. Cumming, John W. Claghorn,

Charles H. Clay, Wm. P. Cresson, Jos. G. Davis, Samuel Davis, James R. Dick, Jacob P. Donnaldson, Robley Dunglison, Lambert Duy, Michael Errickson, Edward Evans, John Farr, John Flack, Edmund H. Frishmuth, J. D. George, Charles F. Gebler. John L. Goddard, Joseph Gest, Robert Graffen, Edmund Green.

Wm. R. Griffith, Frederick Grosscup, Elias W. Hale, Asa Hammond, Henry Hay, Isaac Hazlehurst, Hopewell Hepburn, Chas. M. Hill, Wm. S. Hill, Francis Hoskins, James Y. Humphreys, Benj. W. Hyatt, Joseph R. Ingersoll, Phineas Jenks, Thos. B. Jacobs, Benj. Jackson, John G. Johnson, Samuel Jones, Edw. D. Kittoe. Wm. Kirkham, John C. Knowles, Lawrence S. Lardner, David Lewis, David D. Lewis, Mordecai D. Lewis. Joel Lightner, John S. Littell, John McKinley, John McKay, Matthew McPaul, Wm. Martin, Addison May, James Mellon. Anthony Miskey, David Morgan, John S. Morris,

Joseph Neidé, James S. Newbold, Isaac Norton, Asa Packer, Benj. Parke, Thos. H. Powers, Joseph Potts, Wm. B. Potts, Robt. Ralston, Henry Reed, Osmon Reed, Edmund Richardson, Joseph S. Riley, Charles Robinson, Thomas Robinson, John Rosencrantz, Clement S. Rutter, John P. Rutter, H. A. Shackelford, Samuel Shafer, H. M. Sheaff, Davis Smith, James S. Smith, Levi B. Smith, Richard S. Smith, Wm. Stavely, Cornelius Stevenson, Joseph L. Stichter, Wyndham H. Stokes, E. W. Sturdevant, Amariah Stricklan, Geo. M. Stroud, Samuel Swift, Robert Toland, Geo. F. Thomas, Samuel Thomas,

Wm. Trainer,
Samuel Wagner,
Frederick Watts,
P. S. Weaver,
Wm. Welsh,
Reese Welsh,
Francis West,
Andrew Wills,

Thos. C. Williams, Peter Williamson, John R. Wilmer, Thos. Wilson, Horace E. Wolf, Geo. M. Wharton, Mahlon Yardley.

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The Bishop of the Diocese being absent, the Convention, upon the motion of the Rev. Dr. Upfold, resolved to elect a President from among the clergy, by ballot. The Rev. Dr. Bull was nominated by the Rev. Dr. Tyng, and the Rev. Dr. Bowman, by the Rev. Dr. Upfold. The Rev. Dr. Morton and the Rev. Mr. Suddards were appointed by the Secretary, tellers, to receive the votes of the clergy; and Messrs. Osmon Reed and Herman Cope, tellers to receive the votes of the Lay Representations.

The tellers having reported that neither of the persons balloted for had received the votes of a majority of both orders, the Convention, on motion, proceeded to another ballot, the same tellers acting as before—when, on counting the votes, it appeared that the Rev. Dr. Bull had received the votes of a majority of both the Clergy and of the Lay Representations, and he was thereupon declared to be duly elected President of the Convention, and took his seat accordingly.

The Secretary laid upon the table, as received from the Bishop, a list of all the Clergy canonically resident in this Diocese, corrected to this day. [See Appendix I.]

Communications were severally presented from the Rev. Dr. Clay, Rev. Edwin N. Lightner, and Rev. Wm. A. White, asking to be admitted to seats in the Convention, as members thereof. On motion, the communications were read and referred to a committee of three. [See Appendix II.]

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Upfold, it was Resolved to appoint a Committee on Elections, to consist of five members.

The Convention then, on the motion of the Rev. Dr. Tyng, adjourned.

GEO. M. WHARTON, Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, St. Andrew's Church. Friday, September 6th, 1844, 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention met and attended divine service. Morning prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Clemson, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Michell, who read the lessons. The ante-communion was read by the Rev. Dr. Bull. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Tyng, after which the Holy Communion was administered by the Rev. Dr. Bull, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Morgan, Michell, and Clemson.

The Convention was called to order by the President after service. The Roll was then called, and the minutes of yesterday, P. M. read and approved.

The following Clergymen entitled to seats and not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats, viz: the Rev. Messrs. Huntington, Kirke, Lightner, and Shannon; and the following Lay Deputies, viz: Messrs. Baker, L. Brinton; Broadbent, Garret Brown, Charlton, Davies, Fenton, Gray, A. Green, Glenn, Gilmore, C. Harrison, A. S. Henderson, G. Harrison, T. G. Henderson, James Johnson, Jonathan Jones, Klapp, R. P. Lardner, N. F. Lightner, Manly, Pechin, Pettebone, Robeson, Saylor, Milton Smith, and Zeilin, not present yesterday, and entitled to seats, appeared, having presented their proper certificates, and took their seats.

The Secretary then read the Bishop's call for the Special Convention as follows:

Whereas, the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Pennsylvania have, by act in writing duly certified, applied to me, Henry U. Onderdonk, Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, for the Diocese aforesaid, to call a special Convention of the Church in this State, to be held in St. Andrew's Church, in the city of Philadelphia, on Thurs-

day, the fifth day of September next, at six o'clock, P. M., to consider of the proposed resignation of the Episcopal Jurisdiction of the said Diocese by me, the said Bishop, and in case the said Convention shall not give their consent thereto according to the Canon in that behalf, that then the said Convention shall consider the expediency of electing an Assistant Bishop of this Diocese, and if determined on, shall carry the same into effect, and act in relation thereto.

Now I, the said Henry U. Onderdonk, Bishop as aforesaid, in conformity with the said application, do hereby call a special Convention of the Church in this State, to be held at the time and place aforesaid, and for the purposes and objects aforesaid, judging the said special Convention to be conducive to the good of the Church.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, at Philadelphia, this fifth day of June, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty four.

\*\*\*\*\*\* \* SEAL. \* \* \*\*\*\*\*

# H. U. ONDERDONK,

Bishop of the Prot. Epis. Church in Pa.

To George M. Wharton, Esq.

Secretary of the Convention of the Prot. Epis. Ch. in Pa.

The letter of resignation, addressed to the Council of Advice, was as follows:

"To the Council of Advice of the Diocese of Penn'a:

Reverend Brethren and Gentlemen: On account of the state of my health, which has been much broken within these few years, and recently still more so, I hereby declare my desire to resign the Episcopal jurisdiction of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

I part from the Diocese with feelings of sincere gratitude for the many kindnesses shown me, and of deep affection for both the Clergy and the Laity; and with the fervent prayer that the Divine Head of the Church will always have this branch of his kingdom in his holy keeping.

As the consent of the Convention of this Diocese to the

resignation I desire to make, may not however be given according to the Canon, and as I am satisfied in my own judgment that my health is so far permanently impaired as to preclude the expectation that I shall hereafter be able to discharge the Episcopal duties of this extensive Diocese, I further desire, that if the next Convention shall not give their consent to my resignation, that the same Convention shall proceed to the election of an Assistant Bishop of the Diocese.

And for both these purposes, it is my desire to have a Convention of the Diocese called, to be held at as early a day as the Canon permits.

WITNESS my hand and seal, given at Philadelphia, this fifth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-four.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\* \* SEAL.\* \*\*\*\*\*\*

H. U. ONDERDONK; Bishop of the Prot. Epis. Church in Penna."

The Council of Advice on the same day adopted the following minute, viz:

"The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, having received from the Right Reverend Henry U. Onderdonk, Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, for the Diocese of Pennsylvania, a letter under his hand and seal, dated the 5th day of June, A. D. 1844, declaring his desire to resign his Episcopal jurisdiction of the said Diocese, and further expressing his desire that if the next Convention of the Diocese shall not consent to the proposed resignation according to the Canon in that behalf, that then the said Convention shall consider the expediency of electing an Assistant Bishop for this Diocese, and if determined on that they shall carry the same into effect, and act in relation thereto.

The said Standing Committee do hereby apply to the said Right Reverend Henry U. Onderdonk, Bishop as aforesaid, to call a special Convention of the Church in this State, to be held in St. Andrew's church, in the city of Philadelphia, on Thurs-

day, the 5th day of September next, at six o'clock, P. M., to consider of the proposed resignation of the Episcopal jurisdiction of this Diocese by the said Bishop, and in case the said Convention shall not give their consent to the same according to the Canon in that behalf, that then the said Convention shall consider the expediency of electing an Assistant Bishop of this Diocese, and if determined on, shall carry the same into effect, and act in relation thereto."

The Rules of Order were then read as follows:

#### RULES OF ORDER.

- 1. The business of every day shall be introduced with a form of prayer prescribed by the Bishop.
- 2. When the president takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the chair.
- 3. No member shall absent himself from the service of the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.
- 4. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall rise from his seat, and without advancing, shall, with due respect, address himself to the president, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.
- 5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house.
- 6. A question being once determined shall stand as the judgment of the house, and shall not be again drawn into debate, during the same session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the house.
- 7. While the president is putting any question, no one shall hold private discourse, stand up, walk into, out of, or across the house, or read any book.
- S. Every member who shall be in the house when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be particularly interested in the decision.
- 9. No motion shall be considered as before the house, unless it be seconded and reduced to writing when required.

- 10. When any question is before the house, it shall be determined on before any thing new is introduced, except the question for adjournment.
- 11. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken before any other, and without debate.
- 12. When the house is to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the president leave the chair.

On motion, it was Resolved, that the House will hold each day a morning session from 9 o'clock A. M. to 2 o'clock P. M. and an afternoon session commencing at 4 o'clock.

The Rev. Dr. Upfold moved that the thanks of this Convention be presented to the Rev. Dr. Tyng for his eloquent, impressive, and highly appropriate sermon delivered this morning, and that he be requested to furnish a copy for publication, which motion was carried.

The Secretary stated that he had received two communications from the Bishop addressed to the Convention. The Rev. Dr. Tyng offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That all other persons than the members of the Convention and those persons invited to attend the sessions of the Convention by the vote of the Convention, be excluded from the sessions thereof.

After discussion had thereupon, the resolution was withdrawn by the mover.

The President nominated the following committees in pursuance of the resolutions adopted yesterday. Committee on Elections, Rev. Dr. Upfold, Rev. Mr. Morgan, and Messrs. John P. Rutter, Wm. Welsh, and P. Williamson. Committee on the communications of Rev. Messrs. Clay, Lightner and White,—Rev. Dr. Ducachet, Rev. Mr. Ridgley and Mr. J. S. Riley.

The Convention then adjourned.

GEO. M. WHARTON, Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH. Friday, September 6, 1844, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met, and the Roll being called, the minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The Rev. Mr. Spear, not before present, appeared and took his seat, and the following lay-deputies, not before present, answered to their names and took their seats, having delivered their proper testimonials, viz:—Messrs. Hegins, Dering, and Gunn.

The Committee on Elections, reported as follows:

The Committee on Elections report, that they have examined the certificates of the several lay deputies, and find them in accordance with the Canons, and the gentlemen severally named therein, entitled to seats in the Convention.

On motion, the Committee on the application of the Rev. Messrs. Clay, Lightner, and White, had leave to retire.

The Rev. Mr. Newton moved that the names of the Rev. S. C. Brincklé and Rev. Geo. Watson be added to those already on the list of the Committee, which was carried.

The Rev. Dr. Tyng moved that the applications of the Rev. Thomas C. Yarnall, and of the Rev. Samuel P. Nash for seats, be referred to the Committee on the cases of Dr. Clay, Mr. Lightner, and Mr. White, which was also carried.

The Rev. Mr. Newton moved, that all persons be excluded from the sittings of this Convention, except the members of the Convention, and those who attend by special invitation of the body. After discussion the motion was withdrawn, and the Secretary proceeded to read the following official communication from Bishop Onderdonk.

#### COMMUNICATION.

Brethren—the Clerical and the Lay Members of the Special Convention.

I lay before you the Episcopal acts performed by me, or for this diocese, since the Annual Convention in May last.

On Whitsunday, May 26th, I preached at Oxford, and con-

firmed eight persons. On account of indisposition, I devolved the entire communion service on the rector. In the afternoon of that day, I preached at Frankford.

On Sunday, June 30th, in St. Thomas' Church, New York, Bp. B. T. Onderdonk, acting for me, admitted to Deacons' Orders, Nicholas Collin Hughes, John B. Colhoun, M.D., and Edwin Harwood.

On Sunday, July 7th, in St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington, Bishop Lee, acting in my behalf, admitted to Deacons' Orders, Edmund Leaf.

On Sunday, July 14th, in Christ Church, Alexandria, Bishop Meade, at my request, admitted to Deacons' Orders, Henry M. Denison, Edwin Mendenhall, and Thomas L. Franklin.

These ordinations diminish of course the number of our candidates; and G. W. Timlow has been transferred, at his request, to the diocese of New Jersey. There are at present in this diocese twenty-five candidates for holy orders; including Thomas A. Starkey and Breed Batcheller, admitted on the 3d inst. The list of candidates accompanies this communication.

On May 25th, I accepted Letters of Dismission from Bishop Hopkins, in favour of the Rev. Anson B. Hard. On Sept. 2d, from Bishop Whittingham, in favour of the Rev. John W. Hoffman. On Sept. 4th, from Bishop B. T. Onderdonk, in favour of the Rev. Joseph Howland Coit.

The Rev. John R. Goodman has taken Letters of Dismission to the diocese of New Jersey:—the Rev. N. C. Hughes, to that of North Carolina:—the Rev. Orren Miller, to that of Western New York, not having delivered those given him last April to Bishop Eastburn:—the Rev. E. Harwood, to the diocese of New York.

The Rev. H. Major has resigned St. Stephen's, Harrisburgh, where he is succeeded by the Rev. J. H. Coit. The Rev. W. H. Bourns has resigned Bloomsburgh, and other parishes in Columbia county, and is rector of Emmanuel

church, Holmesburgh. The Rev. J. H. Marsden, still the minister of Christ church, Adams county, including Christ church chapel, has resigned St. John's, York, where he is succeeded by the Rev. John W. Hoffman. The Rev. Edwin N. Lightner has resigned at Muncy, where he is succeeded by the Rev. J. B. Colhoun, and become the rector of Christ (Swedes) church, Upper Merion. The Rev. G. W. Ridgley, retaining St. Paul's, Chester, has resigned St. Martin's, Marcus Hook, where he is succeeded by the Rev. Anson B. Hard. The Rev. G. E. Hare, D.D., has become a Professor in the University of Pennsylvania. The Rev. E. Leaf is the rector of Christ church, Pottstown, and St. Gabriel's, Douglassville. The Rev. W. H. Woodward is the rector of St. Paul's, West Whiteland, and St. Peter's, Great Valley. The Rev. W. C. Cooley has resigned the church of the Nativity, Spring Garden.

The Missionaries in the diocese, under the Society for the Advancement of Christianity, are twenty-six in number. The places at which they minister are as was stated last May, except as here mentioned.

The Rev. Joseph Adderly.

- " " William Adderly.
- " William W. Arnett.
- " " James Bonnar.
- " Charles Breck.

The Rev. John B. Colhoun, M.D., at Muncy, and parts adjacent.

The Rev. Thomas Crumpton.

- " " Marcus K. Cushman.
- " " William N. Diehl.
- " George C. Drake.
- " William Hilton.

The Rev. John W. Hoffman, at York.

The Rev. George Kirke.

- " " Freeman Lane.
- " " Milton C. Lightner.

The Rev. Samuel T. Lord.

- " " John J. McElhinny.
- " Tobias H. Michell.
- " George W. Natt.
- " John B. Pradt.
- " Peter Russell.
- " " Richard Smith.
- " George Watson.
- " Joshua Weaver.
- " " William White.
- " " Christian Wiltberger, Jr.

A new edifice is erecting for St. John's parish, Concord, in place of the old one, which was quite ancient and in bad repair. An edifice for worship is erecting by the church of the Nativity, Spring Garden. To the church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia, an addition has been made, for the better accommodation of the Sunday Schools. An enlargement is making, perhaps is now completed, to St. James' church, Lancaster, to afford room for the increasing congregation; in this parish, a very commodious building for the Sunday Schools, and the residence of the sexton, was erected last year.

The number of the clergy in the diocese, according to the canonical list sent, is perhaps somewhat large, as it usually is about this time of year, before some of those from the seminaries, recently ordained, have found parishes in other dioceses. Yet our body of clergy has increased, and the vacancies are but few.

H. U. ONDERDONK.

Phila., Sept. 5, 1844.

## LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS,

In the Diocese of Pennsylvania, Sept. 5th, 1844.

Joseph Hicks Smith-since Sept. 28, 1841.

Henry Eglinton Montgomery—since Jan. 5, 1842.

Augustus B. Tizzard—since March 1, 1842.

Samuel Stones, M.D.—since May 5, 1842.

Erasmus James P. Messinger-since Sept. 6, 1842.

Albert William Duy-since Nov. 2, 1842.

Samuel Moorhouse—since Feb. 7, 1843.

Robert Phipps-since Feb. 7, 1843.

John W. Shackelford-since May 2, 1843.

George A. Durborow—since July 4, 1843.

Samuel Durborow-since July 4, 1843.

David H. Macurdy-since August 3, 1843.

Abel Augustus Marple-since Aug. 3, 1843.

Barclay Arney Smith—since Aug. 3, 1843.

Dudley Atkins Tyng—since Aug. 3, 1843.

Benjamin Wistar Morris-since Aug. 3, 1843.

Jonathan Pinkney Hammond—since Sept. 5, 1843.

Ormes B. Keith—since Sept. 5, 1843.

Thomas G. Rutherford-since Jan. 2, 1844.

William Richards Gries—since April 2, 1844.

William Suddards, Jr.—since April 2, 1844.

William F. Bryant—since April 2, 1844.

Robert J. Parvin-since May 21, 1844.

Thomas Alfred Starkey-since Sept. 3, 1844.

Breed Batcheller—since Sept. 3, 1844.
Total, 25.

H. U. ONDERDONK.

Phila., Sept. 5th, 1844.

The assistant Secretary, the Rev. Mr. Odenheimer, then read the following further communication from the Rt. Rev. Bishop Onderdonk.

# To the Special Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Pennsylvania.

Rev. Brethren and Gentlemen:

This special Convention was summoned in compliance with an application to me of the Standing Committee, founded on the declaration of my desire to resign the episcopal jurisdiction of the diocese, on account of the state of my health;

and also, of my desire, from the same cause, in case you should not consent to my resignation, to have an Assistant Bishop elected. For a view of this my motive, I lay before you the present Narrative. The statement must necessarily, besides the nature of the subject, be in part technical; though perhaps not without errors in that respect, as it is nearly thirty years since I relinquished the practice of medicine, and my studies have since had a different direction.—In preparing it, I give some of the dates in former years from the Register of my official services.

My episcopate began on October 25th, 1827; and I immediately commenced its duties. Besides other journies, I visited in the winter a portion of the western part of the In August, 1828, I went thither again, remaining Sunday, the 3d, at Harrisburgh. That night I slept with the window raised, and, a change in the weather coming on, I had in the morning a severe pain far back in the left side, the iliac region, with a tormenting affection that frequently recurred. Hoping that it would not prove obstinate, I pursued my journey, and preached at Carlisle and Bedford, and thence proceeded to Pittsburgh: my remedies being-peppermint from the road-side; brandy and water, but then with little benefit; and at length paregoric, which, with some relief, soon destroyed what little remained of my appetite, and for two or three days bottled porter was used for nutriment. burgh, after holding the examinations, I ordained, on Sunday, 10th, two deacons. But, though I fulfilled these duties, the internal anguish, which had increased on the journey, was not alleviated; and, had the access to Philadelphia been what it now is, I might perhaps have overcome my reluctance to break appointments, and returned home.

In the afternoon of that day, I officiated seven miles from Pittsburgh, at Chartier's Creek, and became the guest of Mr. C. Cowan, of that neighbourhood. Mr. Cowan, after conversation with a friend, (Mr. J. D. Davis,) who accompanied me, and was aware of my condition, brought me a tumbler

two-thirds full of burnt brandy, which I drank; and it immediately went to the very point affected, being the first thing that did so, and producing incomparably more relief than any before employed. Another tumbler of it, taken on retiring, increased the favourable result. But no effect was produced on my head; all went to the internal suffering.

The next morning early, I resumed my journey, down the Ohio river, and then northward as far as Erie; travelling and officiating with less inconvenience than before. And I reached Philadelphia on the 29th, after an absence of four weeks. My health, though improved, was far from being restored. The remedy used at Chartier's Creek had mastered the formidable violence of the disease; but pain and distress still continued, requiring further recourse to spirits and water, with more advantage than from any thing else. Regular medical treatment, besides that it was incompatible with fulfilling my appointments, seemed unnecessary, when the complaint was moderated, and might, I hoped, soon pass away.

About a fortnight after my return home, I began to experience the bad effects of exposure (but it was unavoidable) to unwholesome atmospheres in parts of Pennsylvania and Delaware. For the first time in my life, I had the chills and fever; being the second severe malady I incurred after entering on my new department of duty, less than a twelvemonth before. This disorder returned at intervals in 1829, '30, and '31, making four years in all; and at the first seizure, in 1828, there accompanied it a peculiar and somewhat alarming pain deep within the forehead, seated, in the opinion of my physician, in the tunica arachnoides, the delicate membrane which lies between the two other and stronger ones that surround the brain. This pain yielded in a few days to the application of ice to the forehead. And, though still quite feeble, I officiated, with clerical assistance, on Sunday, Sept. 28th, at West Whiteland. This duty completed the task I had assigned myself:-I had now visited every parish in the diocese, some of them twice, besides other places, and all our

congregations in the diocese of Delaware, in less than one year from the day of my consecration: and this, during the last two months, under the pressure of disease, severe from the first, and by this time complicated. But—pardon the recurrence—my mind was cheerful, knowing then no unhappiness beyond that of our common lot.

The disease continued, with often more or less of the suffering as at first, and pain in the left side at the spot originally affected. During ten years from the attack, it was my common practice, when lying awake at night, to press firmly on that spot, as I thus obtained a degree of mitigation of the discomfort. And I all along, as a means of relief, took brandy and water, either occasionally or regularly; in the later of the ten years, pretty largely; this appearing to me an unavoidable necessity; for never once in all that time, so far as I can recollect, was I in a healthy condition, or one approaching to it. Yet severe and obstinate as the malady proved, my thoughts were less given to it than to my professional duties and journies, constantly returning upon me, and increasing in their amount. From such reflection, however, as at times I gave it, I thought it possible (yet the whole supposition may be wrong) that adhesions had formed, at the point indicated, about the descending colon: and if so, nothing remained but palliation of the annoying symptoms. Of palliating remedies, I supposed none to be more effectual than the kind I was then employing; none, at least, consistent with my remaining in active duty; and as to using others, I know not that my mind harboured the thought.

About the end of these ten years, this local pain much abated, often perhaps left me entirely, and I seldom resorted to the pressure on my side. But the distress soon increased, and in about a year very greatly, becoming that peculiar misery which can only be imagined by those who suffer it. Not long did these almost excruciating symptoms prevail, before I became sensible of a decided diminution of my strength and power of enduring fatigue; so that I endeavoured to

travel less at night, to divide my day journies, and to start the afternoon before, instead of at midnight, or an hour or two after. I accepted also the aid of my brother clergymen more frequently than hitherto, in reading the prayers, &c.; for it often seemed in former years that I could scarcely labour enough. Four times at least, at Phænixville, New Milford, Radnor church, and Oxford, I have been so near fainting, or in similar extreme debility, with an almost entire failure of the voice, as to have to abandon my appointed duty, or fulfil it with great difficulty. During the Communion in St. Peter's church, Philadelphia, on Easter-day, 1841, my faintishness and loss of voice compelled the rector to continue the service.

All this terrible exacerbation of my sufferings demanded a large use of brandy and water, as the only means of alleviating them; for, taking frequent opiates would be incompatible with my almost constant official engagements; and I disliked the habitual resort to such a remedy, more medicinal indeed in appearance, and less under reprobation, yet more liable to fatal abuse than the one I was employing; and the further medicine that would be required, would probably exhaust whatever healthy power remained in the disordered viscus. During this excruciating stage of the disease, say early in 1840, I recollected the case of a venerable gentleman, whom, many years before, I had seen indulging plentifully in fruit at a dinner party, and who, I soon afterwards was informed, was under medical advice for chronic colonitis; he having been cautioned by his physicians against fruit, such as contains malic acid, as "poison" in his complaint. died in a few months. The recollection of his case led me to a further consideration of my own disease, which now had manifestly become chronic, and which might, I believed, have all along been classed as colonitis, or inflammation in that portion of the viscera. It also led me to attempt the selfdenial of avoiding our own fruit, and some of the imported. In this attempt I partly succeeded in 1840, and with some benefit. But in 1841, I returned to the much coveted indul-

gence; till an almost intolerable increase of the local misery, with extreme discomfort of the system, producing the first of the faint turns mentioned, (at Phænixville, July, 1841,) with nearly the loss of my voice for the day, fixed my determination; and I have since eaten no fruit which I supposed to contain malic acid; none whatever of our fruits, in their natural state. And my recovery from the aggravated symptoms, though but partial, gradually advanced; yet without an essential local relief. During all this chronic period, the use of brandy and water was continued, with the usual moderating of the suffering, perceptible at the time, though slow in the general result. Nor did I attempt or wish to conceal this practice, but detailed the cause of it to many of the clergy and laity, who appeared to understand and honourably allow that it was required by my malady; particularly those with whom I stayed on my journies. And I am convinced, that to it, with the abstinence from fruit, I owe, under God, the alleviation of my disorder.

With however the improved comfort of my system, and its less acute immediate sensibility to fatigue, its actual strength and power of endurance continued to decrease. Three of the four faint turns mentioned occurred since the beginning of December, 1842. Evening services and meetings for business became so wearisome, that I partly relinquished them. For a year or two, I have commonly requested the clergy to perform for me nearly all but the episcopal offices and preaching; nor have I allowed extra duties to be appointed for me. I have felt also a growing disinclination to active exertion, except to be punctual to my appointments; which disinclination I never knew in former days, and which was then, I trust, never seen or suspected in me by any person.

In this first portion of my Narrative, you have the period from August 3d, 1828, to May 24th, 1844. At the latter date, came a different anguish, hitherto untasted by me.

May 25th, 1844. Late last evening, while I was calmly reflecting, as I had been for some hours, on the results of our

last Convention, just adjourned, there were suddenly communicated to me, by a committee of ten clergymen, certain Charges, connected directly or indirectly with what is above recited. They were prepared, I was informed, by a large number of the presbyters of this diocese, after several meetings, but without my knowledge or surmise, though seeing their authors daily during the Convention period. The accusations were brought to me, and read, without the least suggestion, of any kind whatever, to be ready to receive a message containing such matter. At first, the whole seemed like a dream,—the work of some mistaken impulse, arising from exaggerated or distorted representations, -one that could not last. But before the next morning, the reality forced itself upon me; an appalling reality indeed. If, concerning aught alleged against me, my heart misgave me, the opportunity was gone, gone, for a friendly and christian acknowledgment; for I was forced into the position of a defendant; -no-worse than that-I was held convicted, without any opening for a defence: for, whatever the degree in which they believed me in fault, and whether I were right or they, my accusers had acted irrevocably, and cut off brotherly persuasion from either party; charges entertained in a numerous assemblage being unavoidably public charges, and such as the public almost never withdraws from a living victim. was judged already. That was done, which in this world could never be undone: for, the best intentions at the time could not prevent this result; nor will the future acknowledgment, should that be made by any concerned, of an overharsh or over-hasty judgment, reverse it.

We read in our common code, "rebuke not an elder, but entreat him as a father:" it is St. Paul's command to a bishop, concerning severe or incautious crimination of old persons, or perhaps the clergy; and none will deny that the mercy obligatory on Timothy, was equally binding on all under his jurisdiction. Our divine Saviour ordained, that before an offence was complained of "to the Church," the aggrieved

party should expostulate with the offender, or supposed offender, and even take witnesses with him to attest the right administering of the expostulation: be it not objected, that the canons are presumed to embody this injunction, or that conscience only, and not canons, must enforce it; the procedure I refer to was not conducted under a canon; conscience alone was to govern in the case. Yet another passage there is,-" if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted:" this commandment cannot be merged in canons, for a legal functionary is to act without regard to his own liability to temptation; but others who are "spiritual," in any sense, are expressly desired to remember this, in behalf of their "faulty" or accused brethren, when the law or canon assigns them no duty; if they be not witnesses, or their proper representatives, and so having a legal function, then certainly they are bound both to "consider" their own imperfection, and to govern their action in the case by "the spirit of meekness."

Such were my rights as a Christian; mine, by the express injunctions of the gospel; mine, by the voice of our Lord, and of the Holy Spirit; mine, from the Eternal Throne, though given into the keeping of men. But, alas, the keeping proved insecure. Through want of caution, all these vital considerations were forgotten; and my brethren, yea, "my own companions and familiar friends did me this dishonour." The whole was spreading among the public, and was beyond their remonstrating. They believed me to have done wrong; but, even were this true, why make of no account the privilege I held from our Saviour and His apostles? why cut me off from mingling my regrets with theirs, if I felt that I ought to do so-my tears with their forgiveness, could that be granted—the most tender of all acts of brotherly christian communion? why repel me from such love, into the unkind relation of an antagonist? Yet so it was. No sacred affection seemed to remain, but such as a magistrate feels, when,

satisfied by legal evidence, and discharging a legal office, he inflicts legal punishment. I was condemned unheard. I was condemned irrevocably.

How much of these poignant reflections may, at the moment of becoming sensible of the deadly blow, have crowded on my mind, both excited and confused by the sudden reality that opened upon me, cannot be told. All was as one thought -utter helplessness, utter ruin. No notice,-no conference, -no opportunity for explanation, for extenuation, for even deprecation! I once, and once only I believe, brought a communicant under discipline; but, though the offence was beyond any sort of excuse, and was committed openly before the public, and he was immediately denounced to me as a bad man, I did it not without earnest expostulations. have, by expostulation, prevented more than one desponding clergyman, not connected with these proceedings, from renouncing to me his ministry, upon which I must have deposed him; and I have been afterwards thanked for my interposition: yet in these cases I was the canonical magistrate, with the right, as well as the power, to act otherwise. But for me, there was no expostulation; on the contrary, daily smiles met me, through the Convention season, from those who were each day occupied in what must prove the destruction of my usefulness, and of the happiness of me and mine; not a frown, not a hint of the gathering storm, not one alarm-note of my impending annihilation. Secretly to me, measures that necessarily involved it were determined on; most suddenly was it made known to me by those who had accomplished the work. For me, there was no expostulation. I was judged already. All was a wreck.

Whether through the impulse of saving aught from the wreck, were it possible, I know not; for my mind was distracted, and my heart desolate:—I resolved,—no, that would imply, or ought to imply, some deliberation,—I suddenly commenced, on the day this terrific reality was perceived, (May 25th,) what I had hoped to effect in due season and in a

gradual and perhaps safer manner, the absolute relinquishment of every kind of spirituous drink, except the wine at the Holy Communion; of which I partook on Whitsunday, and since. Beyond this exception, my refraining from them has thus far been entire. And, though under no engagement of any sort, it is my purpose, with divine assistance, to continue in this course. Indeed, I have as yet felt not the least temptation to recede from it:—for which most unexpected favour I humbly thank God.

The suddenness with which I learned that my brethren had cast me down to the ground, and its crushing effect on my mind, acting on a system already predisposed to such attacks, produced another of the faint turns mentioned, or rather a continued tendency to fainting, from which I was not free for some days; and those, the first of my enduring the violent change of renouncing instantly and entirely the long accustomed stimulants, without any sort of substitute for them. Somewhat longer, there was constant and exhausting copious perspiration; very excessive at night. My sleep was and is imperfect; wanting apparently in the gentle venous plethora, which, I was formerly taught, produces it, when healthy. But the principal change is a decided increase of the local inertness. For a month or more, it was attended with a bursting sensation in the head; then came a different affection for five days; and then another month of the former symptom still more aggravated, and producing still more continued fulness of the head, with drowsiness. I have since used occasionally a prescription; but the omission of it leaves me much as before; yet it must not be long persevered in. This symptom is more severe than any that were felt last spring, and for perhaps a year previously. There have been also returns of the pain in the side, ocasionally giving the idea of rawness there; and a few times, the pressure which formerly relieved it, has made it more sensibly felt. Whether the disease will pass away, or what may be its result, I pretend not to foresee. And whether I have given it the right

name, matters little. Disease I have, and have had for sixteen years; much increased in the last five or six: nor has it ever been under more than a partial control. And the recent aggravation mentioned, adds, I fear, to the obstinacy, and perhaps the danger, of the affection which has so greatly broken my health.

I trust that this Narrative will satisfy the Convention that I have not acted inconsiderately, in tendering the resignation of my episcopal jurisdiction on the ground of impaired health; and further, in asking the election, on the same ground, of a Coadjutor, should my resignation not be accepted; which request I now renew.

But I must invoke the interposition of the Convention, between me and movements and influences unknown to the Canons, concerning the Charges that have been brought against me. What those Charges are, I need not state; for they were known to not a few out of doors, I have since been informed, even while in preparation, though not a whisper of them was breathed to me; and immediately afterwards, were as widely blown as the winds; their publicity being if possible increased by the measure, adopted at the clerical meetings, of seeking confirmation of the imputations already made, and also such others as might be obtained, throughout the diocese. Between me and such movements and influences, I entreat the Convention to interpose. Not that your body, or any other, can undo what has thus been inflicted upon me; that, too probably, is beyond remedy. But I desire the Convention, to take into its own hands the allegations against me to which I have adverted, with the specifications announced to the clerical meetings, if there are any, which however I have not seen. No proceedings indeed, in relation to them, not even a conviction and sentence, should they be deemed called for, can increase the practical injury already done me; but any regular result, consistent with the Constitution and Canons, will be vastly better for the Church, and more just to myself, than the unopposed tendency of the past proceedings.

Concerning one class of the Charges thus brought, let me remark:—That I have used somewhat largely spirituous drinks, is true; it was not a secret, or intended to be: but they were my resort as a medicine, both at first, and while my disease was of many years' continuance. That my taking them was for a forbidden purpose, I deny. And that they produced inebriation, is, I believe, altogether unjustly alleged: for it is unjust, to ascribe to such a cause what I have indistinctly heard of, which, even if correct and not exaggerated, resulted more truly from the harassing fatigue, both of travelling and officiating, that I often underwent in my journies. To say that, in so many years, I always used this remedy with a perfect freedom from indiscretion, would be arrogating more than belongs to human nature: the long-continued use of opium would be a greater trial. All I claim is, that the unkind imputation mentioned cannot righteously be made. To this class of charges, referring to the direct consequences of the habit named, though no specifications have been furnished, I particularly apply the facts and considerations offered in the foregoing Narrative.

There are other Charges, equally without specifications, which much more require them in order to an adequate reply or explanation; at variance likewise, if I may advert to such a topic, with my established and known principles and de-May I not, without admitting that they are correctly made, so far appeal to candid judgments as to say, that such alleged improprieties, being wholly foreign to the habits formed and manifested in all my earlier years, cannot be referred to any other than the same cause, namely, the indiscretion of resorting without due caution to the use of a remedy for pain or disease, that for the moment changes the disposition, as frequently as it surprises the judgment? They, therefore, even if truly imputed, involve only the indirect consequences of the same indiscretion. That, in particular cases, predominant suspicion, or indeed unqualified crimination, will be deemed more just than this mild construction, is to be expected; and the latter is rightly held of no avail, without well ascertained previous integrity; but with that, it will often be the more rational view, as it certainly comports best with the requirement of christian love, interpreted soundly, neither with evasion, nor with the naked appeal to motives:—it comports, I say, with that law of love, which commands us to "believe and hope all things," and to "do to others as we would have them do to us:" a benevolent rule which may indeed be abused; but it can also be obeyed rightly and righteously; and that, in the case of imputed errors grave enough to require a divine rule. Nor is it a command only, but an appeal likewise to holy sympathy,—a sympathy, whose nature it is to divide the pain of the regret felt by a brother to whom aberration or imprudence are ascribed.

From all expression, however, of such regret, concerning any of the Charges, were there aught that should induce my heart or judgment so to incline, the irremediable action of my clerical brethren has debarred me.

I again request, that the Convention will interpose between me and all movements and influences identified with proceedings unknown to the Canons. More particularly I desire, that if this body incline either to accept or to refuse my resignation of episcopal jurisdiction on the ground of these Charges, and not on the ground of my impaired health alone, they will take such steps as they shall see fit, to have them examined, in a manner consistent with justice to me and to the Church.

Respectfully and affectionately,
Your friend and brother,
H. U. ONDERDONK.

Philadelphia, September 2d, 1844.

Mr. Ashurst offered the following Resolution, Resolved, That the resignation of the Rt. Rev. the Bishop be accepted.

Mr. Binney moved to postpone the consideration of the

foregoing Resolution for the present, for the purpose of offering the following, viz:

- 1. Resolved, That in consideration of the request of the Bishop of this diocese in his communication to this Convention and of the circumstances referred to in the same, it is not consistent with the welfare of the Church, nor with justice to him, to take any order in regard to his proposed resignation, until an opportunity shall be allowed to such as think fit, to make regular Canonical charges against him.
- 2. Resolved, That it is not consistent with the Canon concerning Episcopal Resignations to consent to the proposed resignation of a Bishop, on the ground of old age, or other permanent cause of infirmity, the proper canonical remedy for such a case, being the election of an assistant Bishop.
- 3. Resolved, That it is not consistent with the Canon concerning Episcopal Resignations, to consent to the proposed resignation of a Bishop, except for the reasons declared by him in writing therefor.

After some discussion, a motion was made to adjourn and lost.

The question was then taken on Mr. Binney's motion, by ayes and noes, and by orders—and the same was lost. The vote stood as follows:

## Ayes.

Rev. Wm. H. Odenheimer, Rev. James Bonnar, Frederick Ogilby, Wm. H. Bourns, John Rodney, Jr. George Boyd, D.D. 66 Charles Breck, 66 Joshua M. Rogers, 66 Benj. Dorr, D.D. 66 George Sheets, 66 Henry J. Morton, D.D. 11

## Noes.

Rev. Joseph Adderly, Rev. Levi Bull, D.D.

"Frederick W. Beasley, Robt. B. Claxton,

"Samuel Bowman, D.D.

"John B. Clemson,

"Edw. Y. Buchanan,

"John Coleman, D.D.

Rov	Asa S. Colton,	Rev	Geo. W. Natt,
"	Thos. Crumpton,	"	Edmund Neville,
"	Marcus K. Cushman,	66	Richard Newton,
66	Robert Davis,	66	Wm. H. Norris,
	•	66	Willie Peck,
	Wm. N. Diehl,	66	•
	Geo. C. Drake,		William S. Perkins,
"	H. W. Ducachet, D.D.	66	William Preston,
66	Richard D. Hall,	66	Thomas H. Quinan,
"	H. T. Hiester,	66	Greenbury W. Ridgley,
"	William Hilton,	"	Owen E. Shannon,
66	Benj. S. Huntington,	66	Richard Smith,
66	John J. Kerr,	66	Nathan Stem,
"	George Kirke,	66	William Suddards,
66	Freeman Lane,	"	Mortimer R. Talbot,
66	Milton C. Lightner,	"	Henry Tullidge,
66	Samuel T. Lord,	"	Stephen H. Tyng, D.D.
66	John H. Marsden,	"	George Upfold, D.D.
66	John G. Maxwell,	66	Peter Van Pelt,
66	Tobias H. Michell, M. D.		Joshua Weaver,
66	Geo. Mintzer,	"	William White,
"	Richard U. Morgan,	66	Christian Wiltberger, Jr.
66	Jacob B. Morss,	"	Enos Woodward. 52

CHURCHES.	AYES.	NAYS.	VOTE.
Trinity, Pittsburg.		H. A. Shackelford,	Nay.
St. Andrews, "		H. L. Bollman,	"
Christ, Alleghany.		Joseph G. Davis,	66
Trinity, Freeport.		P. S. Weaver,	66
Christ, Reading.		Jno. S. Richards,	66
St. Thomas, Morgantown.		Levi B. Smith,	46
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		Davis Smith,	
		David Morgan,	
St. James' the Greater.		James Johnson,	66
		Eleazar Fenton,	
St. Luke's, Newtown.		Phineas Jenks,	66
		Garret Brown,	
St. Andrew's, Yardleyville.		Mahlon Yardley,	46
Grace, Hulmeville.		Geo. Harrison,	46
		Samuel Swift,	
Trinity, Centreville.		Wm. Stavely,	
St. Peter's, Butler.		Alfred Gilmore.	46
St. Mark's, Mauch Chunk.		Asa Packer,	66

CHURCHES.	AYES.	NAYS.	VOTE.
St. John's, Bellefonte.		Danl. B. Canfield,	Nay.
St. John's, New London.		Fred. Grosscup,	-
		Thos. M. Carlton,	66
St. Mary's, Warwick.		Thos. K. Bull,	66
		Saml. Shafer,	
0. D. 1. G W. 11		Clement Brooke,	"
St. Peter's, Great Valley.		Thos. Wilson,	"
St. John's, Pequea.		Thos. G. Henderson,	66
St Paul's W Whiteland	Ion Ionas	F. D. Baker,	ivided.
St. Paul's, W. Whiteland.	Jon. Jones,	Ephraim Sayler,	viueu.
St. Andrew's, W. Vincent.		Amariah Stricklan,	Nay.
St. Mark's, Honeybrook.		Reese Welsh,	"
, <u></u>		Saml. Jones,	
Holy Trinity, W. Chester.		Geo. W. Pearce,	"
3		Lewis Brinton,	
St. Peter's, Phœnixville.		John S. Morris,	"
St. James', Downingtown.		Andrew Wills,	"
		John M'Kinley,	
Christ, Danville,		Peter Baldy,	"
Christ, Meadville.		James R. Dick,	66
St. John's, Carlisle.		Frederick Watts,	66
Or Oreal and Headelman		John B. Parker,	66
St. Stephen's, Harrisburg.		Wm. R. Griffith,	**
		Benj. Park, Hamilton Alricks,	
St. Paul's, Chester.	John W. Zeilin	Hammon Anteks,	
St. 1 aur s, Offester.	John K. Zeilin, John G. Johnson,		
	John G. Johnson,	Charles D. Manley,	Aye.
St. Martin's, L. Chichester	,	Thomas Robinson,	Nay.
,		Wm. Trainer,	
		Enoch Gray,	
St. John's, Concord.		Hill Brinton,	"
		Joseph Gest,	
St. David's, Radnor.		Isaac Norton,	"
Calvary, Rockdale.	Richard S. Smith,		Aye.
Christ, Brownsville.		Jas. L. Bowman,	Nay.
St. James', Lancaster.		N. F. Lightner,	"
Christ, Leacock.		Joel Lightner, Edward Davies,	"
Bangor, Churchtown.		Thomas B. Jacobs,	**
		Charles Robinson,	
All Saints, Paradise.		Redmond Conynghar	n. "
St. Stephen's, Wilkesbarre.		Amzi Fuller,	"
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		Ebenezer W. Sturdeva	ant,
		Henry Pettebone,	1
St. James', Muncy.		John Flack,	"
		Edward D. Kittoe,	
St. Mark's, Lewistown.		Elias W. Hale,	"
St. Thomas, Whitemarsh.		H. M. Sheaff,	
St. James', Perkiomen.		Edward Evans,	66
St. John's, Norristown.		John McKay,	"
Christ, Pottstown.		John P. Rutter, C. H. Clay,	
	•	Joseph Neide,	"
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CHURCHES.	AYES.	NAYS.	VOTE.
Trinity, Easton.	Hopewell Hepburn, Horace E. Wolff,		Aye.
St. Matthew's, Sunbury. Christ, Philadelphia.	Horace Binney, Jas. Y. Humphreys,	Chas. W. Hegins,	Nay. Aye.
St. Peter's, Philadelphia.	Francis West, Jas. S. Smith, Jos. R. Ingersoll, Henry Reed,		cc
St. James', Philadelphia.	G. M. Wharton, Robert Ralston,	-	[ "
St. Paul's, Philadelphia.		Robert Toland, John Farr, J. D. George, Joseph Potts,	Nay.
St. Stephen's, Philadelphia	C. N. Bancker, Wm. Kirkham, Robley Dunglison,		Aye.
St. Andrew's, Philadelphia		C. Stevenson, Lambert Duy, Saml. Davis,	Nay.
Grace, Philadelphia.		Herman Cope, John W. Claghorn, Francis Hoskins,	66
Ascension, Philadelphia.	Wm. Martin, Jas. S. Newbold,	,	Aye.
St. Luke's, Philadelphia.	Michael Errickson,	Wm. Welsh, Saml. Breck,	Nay.
Epiphany, Philadelphia.		M. D. Lewis, L. R. Ashurst, Isaac Hazlehurst,	66
St. John's, N. L.	Osmon Reed, C. F. Gebler,	±.	Aye.
Advent, N. L.	Henry Hay,	Jos. S. Riley, E. H. Frishmuth, Anthony Miskey,	Nay.
Evangelists, Southwark.	Edmund Richardson Jas. M. Aertsen,	Robert Graffen,	Aye.
All Saints, Moyamensing.	Jas. Moore,	John R. Wilmer,	Nay.
Trinity, Southwark.		John L. Goddard, Peter Williamson, Clement S. Rutter, Wm. H. Klapp,	Nay.
St. Matthew's, Francisville All Saints, Lower Dublin.		Geo. M. Stroud,	Aye.
Trinity, Oxford. Emanuel, Holmesburg.	Edmund Greene,	Edward J. Glenn,	Nay.

сникенев. St. Luke's, Germantown.	John S. Littell, W. H. Stokes,	NAYS.	vore. Aye.
Emanuel, Kensington.	Benj. Jackson,	J. P. Donaldson, M. M'Paul,	Nay.
St. Mary's, W. Philadelphia		Alphæus Green, Thomas Allibone, Milton Smith,	"
St. David's, Manayunk.		John Rosencrantz, Samuel Wagner,	"
St. Philip's, Spring Garden.		John C. Pechin, David Lewis, Thomas H. Powers,	"
St. James', Kingsessing.		Dr. Samuel Thomas, John C. Knowles,	"
Trinity, Pottsville.	Thos. C. Williams,	3 3 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4	Aye.
St. James', Sch. Haven.	Geo. M. Cumming, Wm. B. Potts, Wm. S. Hill,		"
St. Paul's, Sch. Haven.	Chas. M. Hill,		66
St. Mark's, New Milford.		Asa Hammond,	Nay.
Grace, Honesdale.		Jeremiah Gunn,	"
St. John the Baptist, York.		John G. Campbell,	46
Sixteen Ayes	Sixty-two Nays.	One Divided.	

The Secretary then read the following communication from the Bishop, just before received:

To the Special Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Pennsylvania.

## REV. BRETHREN AND GENTLEMEN:

Understanding that the Convention have manifested an intention not to act with exclusive reference to the reasons by me assigned for proposing to resign my episcopal jurisdiction, but to connect with those reasons, charges of alleged improprieties of conduct on my part, which have never been specified to me, nor have I had any opportunity of meeting them; and thinking, as I do, that it is due to the Church and to myself, that whatever improprieties or infirmities I am truly chargeable with, should be fully but impartially examined, I do hereby recall the desire of resigning my episcopal jurisdiction, which I have heretofore declared; affirming at the same time the full truth of the reasons I have alleged for that desire.

Respectfully and affectionately,

Your friend and brother,

H. U. ONDERDONK.

It was on motion laid on the table.

Mr. Frederick Watts moved to adjourn, which was lost.

The President decided that the Bishop's resignation could not be withdrawn by him.

Mr. James S. Smith appealed from the decision of the President, and upon the question being put—" Shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the house"—it was decided in the affirmative, and so the appeal was not sustained.

Mr. Ashurst's motion was then put to the vote by ayes and noes and by orders, and was carried, as follows: viz,

Ayes. Rev. Joseph Adderly, Rev. George Mintzer, William H. Bourns, Richard U. Morgan, 66 Jacob B. Morss, Samuel Bowman, 66 George W. Natt, 66 Levi Bull, 66 Edmund Neville, Robert B. Claxton, Richard Newton, John B. Clemson, John Coleman, D.D. 66 Willie Peck, 66 Asa S. Colton, 66 William S. Perkins, 66 66 Thomas Crumpton, William Preston, Thomas H. Quinan, Marcus K. Cushman, Robert Davis, 66 Greenbury W. Ridgley, 66 66 William N. Diehl, 66 John Rodney, Jr., George C. Drake, 66 Owen E. Shannon, 66 Henry W. Ducachet, D.D. 66 George Sheets, 66 66 Richard Smith, 66 Richard D. Hall, H. T. Hiester, 66 Nathan Stem, 66 66 William Hilton, William Suddards, 66 Benj. S. Huntington, 66 Mortimer R. Talbot, 66 John J. Kerr, 66 Henry Tullidge, Stephen H. Tyng, D.D. George Kirke, Freeman Lane, George Upfold, D.D. 66

John G. Maxwell, "Enos Woodward. Tobias H. Michell, M.D.

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Peter Van Pelt.

William White,

Christian Wiltberger, Jr.

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Milton C. Lightner,

Samuel T. Lord,

John H. Marsden,

# Nays.

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Rev. Frederick W. B	easley, Rev. He	enry J. Morton,	D.D.
" James Bonnar,	" Wi	illiam H. Norri	s,
" George Boyd, I	).D. " W:	illiam H. Odenl	neimer,
" Charles Breck,	" Fr	ederick Ogilby,	
" Edward Y. Buc		shua M. Rogers	s <b>,</b>
" Benj. Dorr, D.D	$_{\circ}$ " $_{ m Jos}$	shua Weaver.	•
" Samuel R. Mea			13
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CHURCHES.	AYES.	NAYS.	VOTE.
Trinity, Pittsburg.	H. A. Shackelford,		Aye.
St. Andrew's, "	H. L. Bollman,		"
Christ, Alleghany. Trinity, Freeport.	Joseph G. Davis, P. S. Weaver,		"
Christ, Reading.	Jno. S. Richards,		Divided.
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St. Thomas', Morgantown.	Levi B. Smith,	·	Aye.
	Davis Smith,		
	David Morgan,		
St. James the Greater.	James Johnson,		46
St. Luke's, Newtown.	Eleazar Fenton,		Divided.
St. Luke S, Newtown.	Phineas Jenks,	Garret Brown,	Divided.
St. Andrew's, Yardleyville	Mahlon Yardley,	ouries into win,	Aye.
Grace, Hulmeville.	George Harrison,		"
Trinity, Centreville.	William Stavely,		"
St. John's, Bellefonte.	Danl. B. Canfield,		Aye.
St. John's, New London.	Fred. Grosscup,		
G. 35 2- 37/	Thos. M. Carlton.		66
St. Mary's, Warwick.	Thos. R. Bull,		••
	Saml. Shafer, Clement Brooke,		
St. Peter's, Great Valley.	Thos. Wilson,		66
St. John's, Pequea.	Thos. G. Henderson,	,	66
	F. D. Baker,		
St. Paul's, W. Whiteland.	Ephraim Sayler,		"
St. Andrew's, W. Vincent.			Divided.
St. Mark's, Honeybrook.	Reese Welsh,	Samuel Jones,	Divided.
Holy Trinity, W. Chester.	Geo. W. Pearce,	- Carrier of Carriery	Aye
	Lewis Brinton,		•
St. Peter's, Phænixville.	John S. Morris,		"
St. James', Downingtown.	Andrew Willes,		1 66
	John M'Kinley,		
Christ, Danville.	Benj. W. Hyatt, Peter Baldy,		66
Christ, Meadville.	James R. Dick,		66
St. John's, Carlisle.		Frederick Watts,	Nay.
•		John B. Parker,	•

churches. St. Stephen's, Harrisburg.	Wm. R. Griffith,	NATS.	Aye.
St. Paul's, Chester.	Benj. Park, Hamilton Alricks,	John K. Zeilin,	Divided.
St. Martin's, L. Chichester	Charles D. Manley, Thos. Robinson, Wm. Trainer, Enoch Gray,		Aye.
St. John's, Concord. St. David's, Radnor. Calvary, Rockdale. Christ, Brownsville. St. James', Lancaster. Christ, Leacock. Bangor, Churchtown.	Isaac Norton, Rich. M. Smith, Jas. L. Bowman, N. F. Lightner, Joel Lightner, Edward Davies, Thos. B. Jacobs, Charles Robinson,	Hill Brinton,	Nay. Aye. " " "
All Saint's, Paradise. St. Stephen's, Wilkesbarre St. James', Muncy.	. Amzi Fuller, E. W. Sturdevant, Henry Pettebone, Edward D. Kittoe,	Redmond Conyngl	nam,Nay Aye.
St. Mark's, Lewistown. St. Thomas', Whitemarsh.	Elias W. Hale,	H. M. Sheaff,	Divided.
St. James', Perkiomen. St. John's, Norristown. Christ, Pottstown.	Edward Evans, John M·Kay, C. H. Clay,	John P. Rutter,	Aye.
Trinity, Easton.	Joseph Neide,	Hopewell Hepbur Horace E. Wolff,	n, Nay.
St. Matthew's, Sunbury. Christ, Philadelphia.	Charles W. Hegins,	Charles Dering, Horace Binney, James Y. Humphr	Divided. Nay.
St. Peter's, Philadelphia.		Francis West, James S. Smith, Jos. R. Ingersoll, Henry Reed,	66
St. James', Philadelphia.		G. M. Wharton, Robert Ralston,	Nay.
St. Paul's, Philadelphia.	Robert Toland, John Farr, J. D. George, Joseph Patts	,	Aye.
St. Stephen's, Philadelphia	Joseph Potts,	C. N. Bancker, Wm. Kirkham, Robley Dunglison,	Nay.
St. Andrew's, Philadelphia.	Lambert Duy,	, 5	Aye.
Grace, Philadelphia.	Saml. Davis, Herman Cope, John W. Claghorn, Francis Hoskins,		Aye.

Ascension, Philadelphia.	AYES.	NAVS. William Martin, Jas. S. Newbold,	vоте. Nay.
St. Luke's, Philadelphia.	Wm. Welsh, Saml. Breck, M. D. Lewis,	Michael Errickson,	Aye
Epiphany, Philadelphia.	L. R. Ashurst, Isaac Hazlehurst,		66
St. John's, N. L.	,	Osmond Reed, C. F. Gebler, Henry Hay,	Nay.
Advent, N. L.	Jos. S. Riley, E. H. Frishmuth, Anthony Miskey,	• •	Aye.
Evangelist's, Southwark.	Robert Graffen, Edmund Richardson,	,	66
All Saints, Moyamensing.	James M. Aertsen, John R. Wilmer,	James Moore,	66
Trinity, Southwark.	John L. Goddard, Peter Williamson, Clement S. Rutter, Wm. H. Klapp,		Aye.
St. Matthew's, Francisville. St. James', Kingsessing.		Geo. M. Stroud,	Nay. Aye.
All Saints, Lower Dublin.	L. S. Lardner, Charles Harrison,		66
Trinity, Oxford. Emanuel, Holmesburg.	Edmund Greene, Edward J. Glenn,		"
St. Luke's, Germantown.		John S. Littell W. H. Stokes, Benj. Jackson,	Nay.
Emanuel, Kensington.	J. P. Donaldson, M. M'Paul, Alphæus Green,	•	Aye.
St. Mary's, W. Philadelphia.	Thomas Allibone, Milton Smith,		"
St. David's, Manayunk.	John Rosenerantz, Saml. Wagner,		"
St. Philip's, Spring Garden.	John C. Pechin, David Lewis, Thos. H. Powers,		"
Trinity, Pottsville.	2.1001 221 2 0 11020,	Thos. C. Williams, Geo. M. Cumming,	Nay.
St. James', Sch. Haven.		William B. Potts, William S. Hill,	"
St. Paul's, Sch. Haven. St. Mark's, New Milford. Grace, Honesdale.	Asa Hammond,' Jeremiah Gunn,	Charles M. Hill,	Aye.
St. John the Baptist, York.			"

The Rev. Dr. Ducachet moved that the Secretary cause one thousand copies of the Journal to be printed, which was agreed to.

It was also *Resolved*, on motion of Mr. Benj. Parke, that one thousand copies of the Sermon of the Rev. Dr. Tyng be published.

Mr. Thos. K. Bull moved that the writing of the Bishop, containing his tender of resignation, and the proceedings of this Convention relating thereto, be laid before the house of Clerical and Lay Deputies at the next General Convention, by the Secretary. Which was carried.

It was, on motion of the Rev. A. S. Colton, *Resolved*, that the Treasurer of the Convention be directed to pay the mileage of the clergy, pro rata, according to the funds in hand.

The Convention then, after joining in singing the 99th Psalm of the selection from the 4th verse, and after the benediction from the President,

Adjourned sine die.

G. M. Wharton, Secretary.



## APPENDIX I.

#### A LIST

Of all the Ministers of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Canonically resident in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, September 5, 1844.

The Right Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, D.D., Bishop of the diocese, Phila.

The Rev. Joseph Adderly, missionary at Blairsville, Indiana county, and Greensburgh, Westmoreland county.

The Rev. William Adderly, missionary at Fallston, and St. Paul's church, Beaver county.

The Rev. Charles H. Alden, Chaplain in the Navy of the United States.

The Rev. Wm. W. Arnett, missionary at Uniontown and Manalen, Fayette county,

The Rev. Frederick W. Beasley, Rector of All Saints' church, Lower Dublin, Philadelphia county, including Christ chapel, Oak Grove. [P. O. Bridgewater, Bucks county.

The Rev. James Bonnar, missionary at Hollidaysburgh, Huntingdon county.

The Rev. William H. Bourns, Rector of Emanuel church, Holmesburgh, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Samuel Bowman, D.D. Rector of St. James' church, Lancaster.

The Rev. George Boyd, D.D. Rector of St. John's church, N. L., Philadelphia.

The Rev. Charles Breck, missionary at Wellsboro', Tioga county, and parts adjacent.

The Rev. Edward Y. Buchanan, Rector of St. John's church, Piquea, Chester county, and of Christ church, Leacock, and All Saints' church, Paradise, Lancaster county.

[P. O. Paradise, Lancaster county.

The Rev. Levi Bull, D.D. Rector of St. Mary's church, Warwick, Chester county, and St. Thomas' church, Morgantown, Berks county. [P. O. Marsh, Chester county.

The Rev. Robert Bethell Claxton, Rector of St. Stephen's

church, Wilkesbarre, Luzerne county.

The Rev. John B. Clemson, Rector of the church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester, Chester county.

The Rev. John Coleman, D.D. Rector of Trinity church,

Southwark, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Asa S. Colton, Rector of St. Andrew's church, West Vincent, and St. Mark's church, Honeybrook, Chester county. [P. O. Chester Springs, Chester county.

The Rev. Thomas Crumpton, Rector of Christ church, Allegheny. [P. O. Pittsburgh.

The Rev. Marcus K. Cushman, missionary at Montrose and New Milford, Susquehanna county.

The Rev. Robert Davis.

The Rev. William N. Diehl, missionary at Whitemarsh, Montgomery county. [P. O. Germantown, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Benjamin Dorr, D.D. Rector of Christ church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Jacob M. Douglass, Rector of St. Matthew's church, Francisville, Philadelphia. [P. O. Philadelphia.

The Rev. George C. Drake, missionary at Schuylkill Haven and Minersville, Schuylkill county.

The Rev. Henry W. Ducachet, D.D. Rector of St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Heman Dyer, D. D., President of the Western University of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh.

The Rev. Richard D. Hall, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Henry T. Hiester, Rector of St. Mark's church, Lewistown, Mifflin county.

The Rev. William Hilton, missionary at Kittanning and Freeport, Armstrong county.

The Rev. Benjamin S. Huntington, Rector of Calvary

church, Rockdale, and St. John's church, Concord, Delaware county. [P. O. Penn's Grove, Delaware county.

The Rev. John J. Kerr, Rector of Advent church, N. L., Philadelphia.

The Rev. George Kirke, missionary at New London Roads, and West Marlborough, Chester county. [P. O. Downington, Chester county.

The Rev. Freeman Lane, missionary at Troy, Bradford county.

The Rev. Milton C. Lightner, deacon, missionary at Danville, and parts adjacent, Columbia county.

The Rev. Samuel T. Lord, missionary at Philipsburgh, Centre county, and Clearfield, Clearfield county.

The Rev. John J. McElhinny, missionary at Connelsville, Fayette county, and parts adjacent.

The Rev. John H. Marsden, minister of Christ church, Adams county. [P. O. York Springs, Adams county.

The Rev. John Gordon Maxwell, Rector of Emanuel church, Kensington, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Samuel R. Meade, Assistant Minister of St. John's church, N. L. Philadelphia.

The Rev. Tobias Harpur Michell, M.D. missionary at Waterford, Erie county, and parts adjacent.

The Rev. George Mintzer, Rector of St. James' church, Perkiomen, Montgomery county. [P. O. Trappe, Montgomery county.

The Rev. Richard U. Morgan, Rector of Christ church, Reading, Berks county.

The Rev. Jacob B. Morss, Rector of Trinity church, Pottsville, Schuylkill county.

The Rev. Henry J. Morton, D.D. Rector of St. James' church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. George W. Natt, missionary at Belle Fonte, Centre county, and Lock Haven, Clinton county.

The Rev. Edmund Neville, Rector of St. Philip's church, Spring Garden, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Richard Newton, Rector of St. Paul's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. William Herbert Norris, Rector of St. John's church, Carlisle, Cumberland county.

The Rev. William H. Odenheimer, Rector of St. Peter's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Frederick Ogilby, Rector of the church of the Ascension, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Willie Peck, Rector of St. David's (Radnor) church, Newtown, Delaware county. [P. O., Spread Eagle, Delaware county.

The Rev. William S. Perkins, Rector of St. James' church, Bristol, Bucks county.

The Rev. John B. Pradt, missionary at Coudersport, Potter county, and parts adjacent.

The Rev. William Preston, Rector of St. Andrew's church, Pittsburgh.

The Rev. Thomas H. Quinan, Rector of the church of the Evangelists, Southwark, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Greenbury W. Ridgley, Rector of St. Paul's church, Chester, Delaware county.

The Rev. John Rodney, Jr. Rector of St. Luke's church, Germantown, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Joshua M. Rogers, Rector of Trinity church, Easton, Northampton county.

The Rev. Owen Evans Shannon, Rector of Grace church, Honesdale, Wayne county.

The Rev. George Sheets, Rector of Trinity church, Oxford, Philadelphia county. [P. O. Frankford, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Richard Smith, missionary at Springville, Susquehanna county, and parts adjacent.

The Rev. William W. Spear, Rector of St. Luke's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Nathan Stem, Rector of St. John's church, Nor-ristown, Montgomery county.

The Rev. William Suddards, Rector of Grace church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Mortimer R. Talbot, Chaplain in the Navy of the United States.

The Rev. Henry Tullidge, Rector of St. Paul's church, Erie, Erie county.

The Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, D.D. Rector of the church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia.

The Rev. George Upfold, D.D. Rector of Trinity church, Pittsburgh.

The Rev. Peter Van Pelt, Secretary of the Board of Missions, and Assistant Minister of the church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Joshua Weaver, missionary at Sunbury, and parts adjacent, Northumberland county.

The Rev. Wm. White, missionary at Butler, Butler county, and parts adjacent.

The Rev. Bird Wilson, D.D. Professor in the General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, New York.

The Rev. Christian Wiltberger, Jr. missionary at Yardley-ville, Centreville, and Hulmeville, Bucks county.

The Rev. Enos Woodward, Rector of Christ church, Brownsville, Fayette county.

## LIST CONTINUED.

The Rev. William Johnstone Bakewell, deacon, Assistant Minister of Trinity church, Pittsburgh.

The Rev. Thomas M. Clark, Rector of St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. William James Clark, Rector of Bangor church, Churchtown, Lancaster county.

The Rev. George G. Field, minister of St. John's church, Huntingdon, Huntingdon county.

The Rev. Donald Frazer, Rector of St. Luke's church, Newtown, Bucks county.

The Rev. Marmaduke Hirst, minister of St. Peter's church, Phænixville, Chester county.

The Rev. Azariah Prior, Rector of St. David's church, Manayunk, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Peter Russell, deacon, missionary at Mauch Chunk, Carbon county.

The Rev. Alexander Varian, Rector of Christ church, Meadville, Crawford county.

The Rev. George Watson, missionary at Athens, and parts adjacent, Bradford county.

The Rev. Thomas C. Yarnall, Rector of St. Mary's church, Hamiltonville, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. Samuel C. Brincklé, near Gray's Ferry, Rector of St. James' church, Kingsessing, Philadelphia county. [P. O. Philadelphia.

The Rev. Wm. Augustus White, deacon, Rector of St. James' church, Downington, Chester county.

## LIST FURTHER CONTINUED.

The Rev. Joseph H. Coit, Rector of St. Stephen's church, Harrisburgh, Dauphin county.

The Rev. John B. Colhoun, M.D. deacon, missionary at Muncy, Lycoming county, and parts adjacent.

The Rev. Anson B. Hard, Rector of St. Martin's church, Marcus Hook, Delaware county.

The Rev. George E. Hare, D.D. Professor in the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

The Rev. John W. Hoffman, missionary at York, York county.

The Rev. Edmund Leaf, deacon, Rector of Christ church,

Pottstown, Montgomery county; and St. Gabriel's church, Douglassville, (Morlattin,) Berks county.

The Rev. William H. Woodward, deacon, Rector of St. Paul's church, West Whiteland, and St. Peter's church, Great Valley, Chester county. [P. O. Warren Tavern, Chester county.

The Rev. Thomas G. Allen, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Robert Ayres, Franklin, Venango county.

The Rev. Thomas Brientnall, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Jehu C. Clay, D.D. Rector of the Swedes' church, Gloria Dei, Southwark, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Horace L. Conolly.

The Rev. William C. Cooley, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Alexander Crummell, deacon, (a coloured man) officiating in a coloured congregation, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Thomas J. Davis, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Henry M. Denison, deacon.

The Rev. William Douglass, (a coloured man,) Rector of St. Thomas' (African) church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Charles M. Dupuy, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Thomas L. Franklin, deacon, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Caleb I. Good, Philadelphia.

The Rev. John Grigg, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Nathaniel Sayre Harris, Secretary of the Domestic Committee of the Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal church, New York.

The Rev. Samuel Hazlehurst, Jr. missionary to Africa.

The Rev. William S. Hinds, Philadelphia.

The Rev. George P. Hopkins.

The Rev. Joseph Jaquett, Teacher of the Hebrew Language, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Edward C. Jones, deacon, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Edwin N. Lightner, Rector of Christ (Swedes) church, Upper Merion, Montgomery county.

The Rev. Henry Major.

The Rev. Edwin Mendenhall, deacon.

The Rev. Robert M. Mitcheson, deacon, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Samuel P. Nash, Rector of Trinity church, Carbondale, Luzerne county.

The Rev. Edward Rice, M.D. deacon, Professor in the Moravian Theological Seminary, Bethlehem, Northampton county.

The Rev. Oliver A. Shaw, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Samuel C. Stratton, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Thomas West.

The Rev. Charles Williams, D.D. Philadelphia.

The foregoing List, containing the names of one hundred and twenty-four clergymen, is corrected to this date.

In conformity with Canon XIV. Sect. 1.

H. U. ONDERDONK.

Philadelphia, Sep. 5th, 1844.

## MEMORANDUM.

The seventy-four clergymen, first named in this List, are entitled to seats in Convention, on Sep. 5, 1844.

The eleven clergymen, first named in the "List Continued," will be entitled to seats on May 20th, 1845, or previously, if they remain in their respective stations, or have, without an interval, such others as are recognised in the Constitution.

Under the same restriction, the Rev. Samuel C. Brincklé and the Rev. William Augustus White will be entitled to seats on May 23d, 1845.

H. U. O.

### APPENDIX II.

To the Clerical and Lay Members of the Special Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Pennsylvania, assembled in St. Andrew's Church, Sept 5th, 1844.

Whereas the fourth Article of the Constitution in this Diocese, declares, that "Every clergyman of the Church, of whatever order, being a settled minister of some parish within this state, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in Convention, if he has been actually and personally, as well as canonically resident within this state, for the space of twelve calendar months next before the meeting of the Convention, and has for the same period been employed in performing the duties of his station." The undersigned having had charge of a parish, as a settled minister of the same, for a much longer period than twelve calendar months, respectfully asks that he may take his seat as a member thereof.

J. C. CLAY,

Sept. 5, 1844.

Rector of Gloria Dei Parish.

To the Clerical and Lay Members of the Special Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Pennsylvania, assembled in St. Andrew's Church, Sept. 5, 1844.

Whereas the fourth Article of the Constitution of the Church in this Diocese, declares that missionaries of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, who have been such for the space of twelve calendar months. The undersigned having been a missionary of said society for several years at Muncy, Lycoming county, and having been continued as such by the Committee of Missions, in June last, for the parts adjacent to Upper Merion, where he now resides, respectfully asks to be permitted to take his seat as a member of this body.

EDWIN N. LIGHTNER.

To the Clerical and Lay Members of the Special Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Pennsylvania, assembled in St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia, Sept. 5, 1844.

The undersigned respectfully asks the Convention, that he may be permitted to take his seat as a member thereof, agreeably to the Fourth Article of the Constitution of the Diocese, which declares, that "every clergyman of the Church, of whatever order, being a settled minister of some parish in this state, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in Convention, if he has been actually and personally, as well as canonically resident within this state, for the space of twelve calendar months, next before the meeting of the Convention, and has for the same period been employed in performing the duties of his station."

WM. AUGUSTUS WHITE,

Rector of the Parish of St. James' Church, Downingtown. Sept. 5th, 1844.



